

Explanation of Changes in the Proposed Committee Substitute to SB 795

(from General Assembly staff, 5/25/2012)

- **P.2, line 51** – Summer camps require minimum of three, rather than 5 1/2 hours of instructional time per day.
- **p. 4, line 40-41** – Clarifies 5th good cause exemption allowing student to be promoted if they have received reading intervention and previously been retained in K-3. Corresponding change on p. 7, line 47-49 for charter schools.
- **P. 8, line 51** - Clarifies that both the developmental screening and kindergarten entry assessment will begin in 2014-15 school year.
- **P. 9-11** – Revises school performance grades to require the State Board to award a numerical school performance score as well as a corresponding letter grade, and requires schools to maintain current and previous 4 years of that information on their websites. Clarifies calculation of scores on a 100 point scale.
- **P. 12, line 24-26** – Creates exception for testing window for AP and IB exams given on a schedule set by the national organization.
- **P. 12, line 48-49** - Makes calendar law requirement 185 or 1025 hours. Made conforming changes for charter schools, regional schools, and clarified for early college high schools on p. 14, line 28-33, and 38-41.
- **P. 13, line 10-15** - Adds 3 protected work days for teachers – at least 1 at the beginning of the year, and at least 1 at the end.
- **P. 13, line 27-30** – Eliminates State Board waiver of 5 instructional days to be used as teacher work days.
- **P. 13, line 45-47** - Makes opening date for students no earlier than the Monday closest to Aug 26, and closing date no later than Friday closest to June 11.
- **P. 13, line 48-50**, - Allows good cause waiver to only waive start date back to Monday closest to Aug 19.
- **P. 14 – line 9-12** - Allows good cause waivers for weather only when 8 days for 4 years (rather than partial days) are missed over 10 year span.
- **P. 14 – line 13-22** – Eliminates educational purpose waivers.
- **Pg. 14, line 23-26** – Restores language for grandfathered modified calendar systems.

- **P. 14 – line 34-37** – Clarifies that cooperative innovative high schools are not subject to general calendar law requirements – must meet same requirements as charter and regional schools.
- **P. 14-15, Section 6** – Revises funding for 2012-13 instructional days to provide funding only for days for which schools that have not received waivers for those days.
- **P. 18, Section 10** – Clarifies that local boards must develop a plan for performance pay, and remove requirement that plan is for the 2013-14 school year. Requires State Board to report on achievement-based compensation models developed for RttT. Allows public to also submit plans. Report would also go to Education Appropriations.
- **P. 18., line 39-15** – Adds new section revising program eligibility requirements for NC Pre-K, and appropriates funds for 2,261 additional slots in the NC Pre-K program.
- **P. 18. line 17-19** – Adds section repealing the prohibition on teacher prepayment.
- **P. 18, line 21-42** – Adds section creating a new \$250 tax deduction for eligible educators for educational supplies.
- **P. 21., line, 1-15** - Revises section on teacher employment to remove references to annual contracts and provide for 1 year contracts in first three years of employment, and 1,2,3,or 4 year contracts for those with more than three years. Superintendents must recommend contract length, but must only recommend contracts longer than a year for teachers demonstrating effectiveness demonstrated through the teacher evaluation instrument. Makes conforming changes in rest of section to remove "annual contract" term. Pg. 41, line 21-23 - Enactment clause for that section specifies that all teachers would be employed for 1 year contract in 2012-2013.
- **P. 39, line 39-40** – Creates cross-reference to current law providing that exchange teachers are not eligible to participate in the State retirement system.